



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF ACTIONS
Wednesday, September 28, 2011
Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA**

REGULAR MEETING – 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Regular Meeting Roll Call

Rotker		Johnson	Brandriff		Jackson	Roberts	Santore	Adams
✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ = Present **B** = Absent / Business **S** = Absent / Sick **V** = Absent / Vacation **O** = Absent / Other
UE = Absent / Unexcused **L** = Late **LE** = Left Early ■ = Vacant

STAFF: Frank Hauptmann, CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Public Comments

Mary Shelton spoke about the Policies, Procedures and By-Laws ad-hoc committee meeting that, while not open to the public, the voices of the committee members could be heard outside the conference room in which the meeting was held. She also spoke regarding the future city budget and the possible budget cuts to all departments because of Riverside Renaissance bond payments coming due in the near future.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for Approval	Motion	Second	Approve	Oppose	Abstain
A) August Regular Meeting	Rotker	Adams	Rotker Johnson Jackson Santore Adams	0	Brandriff Roberts
B) September 7 Training Meeting	Rotker	Johnson	Unanimous	0	0

Outreach

Mary Shelton said she is glad that outreach is occurring, but doesn't know what outreach has taken place. She noted that many people in the City still don't know about the existence of the Commission.

A) September Outreach

Commissioner Johnson spoke about the Commission's progress with outreach, noting that the online calendar is updated monthly to reflect current community events. His outreach activities for September included:

- Riverside Citizens' Police Academy
- Drop-In Chess Club
- 9/11 "Remember Our Heroes"
- 9/11 "Riverside Remembers"
- Community Settlement Centennial Celebration

Commissioner Jackson

- NACOLE
- 1-on-1's with Wood Streets neighbors

Commissioner Brandriff

- La Sierra / Arlanza Neighborhood Alliance (LANA)
- Residents for Responsible Representation

Vice-Chair Roberts

- NACOLE
- Tip-a-Cop at Chili's; 1-on-1's

Chairman Santore

- La Sierra Senior Center Class for Seniors on Fraud, Driving, and other questions posed to RPD
- CERT
- NACOLE

B) Scheduled Outreach Events

C) Future Outreach Opportunities

- 1) Input from Commission Members on potential outreach events
- 2) Input from Outreach Committee Chair on upcoming outreach events

Commissioner Johnson noted two events listed in the Outreach Calendar that would be taking place on October 1: Battle of the Badges Boxing Tournament at Pechanga Resort and Casino, held in honor of Ryan Bonaminio and all fallen officers; and the 14th Annual Safety Fair at Castle Park.

Commissioner Jackson noted that she, along with a few other commissioners, would be staffing a table at the Health Fair at Bryant Park on October 8. She informed the Commission that she and Commissioner Adams had been invited to a Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability (RCPA) meeting and that they would be attending on October 11. She also commented on her activities at the Heritage House and that she conducts outreach while there.

OLD BUSINESS

Officer-Involved Death (OID) Evaluation Process

A) Continued discussion and action, if any, on the Acevedo OID evaluation.

Mary Shelton commented on the various rationales submitted by commissioners. She also said that there were other factors, specifically the use of a Taser, which contributed to Mr. Acevedo's death.

Mr. Hauptmann said that the commissioners had submitted their rationales to him and that he would now review them and synopsise them into a single document. The draft public report, along with the rationale, would be completed and distributed to the commissioners prior to the next meeting.

Chairman Santore advised that once the public report was approved, the Commission would then review the administrative casebook, which Mr. Hauptmann confirmed.

Chairman Santore thanked the commissioners for their work on this case.

B) Discussion and action, if any, of the Hyatt OID.

Chairman Santore began by asking commissioners to submit their rationales for Hyatt if they hadn't already done so.

Commissioner Rotker said he liked Commissioner Johnson's rationale, but felt the word "forcibly" should be added when addressing Mr. Hyatt's attempts to enter his house.

This prompted Commission discussion as to whether or not all commissioners should be submitting their own rationale. Mr. Hauptmann noted that this had been a suggestion in his proposed revision of the OID Evaluation Process. Chairman Santore said that this proposition had not yet been memorialized, but that if and when it was, commissioners would be expected to comply.

Vice-Chair Roberts posed the question that if a commissioner doesn't vote on whether or not the case is within policy, is that commissioner still able or required to submit a rationale.

OID Evaluation Process

Discussion and action, if any, on the modified version of the OID Evaluation Process.

Discussion began with Commissioner Rotker by saying he prefers Mr. Hauptmann's version to Mr. Percy's. He noted that he had asked for additions to the process about Staff's responsibilities, but saw nothing to that effect in the current revision.

Mr. Hauptmann said that he and Chairman Santore had met to discuss the revisions. While Mr. Hauptmann's revision contains time frames, Chairman Santore noted that he had removed the time frames from his version and that it seems to work better. He noted that commissioners don't have to wait for a time stamp, but that all stages can be worked on while reviewing an OID.

Commissioner Rotker asked if something would be added in Stage 4 about Staff's actions and what they would be. Mr. Hauptmann said Staff would act after the Commission makes a finding and input is made given regarding a rationale, noting that the critical part of the OID public report is the rationale. Mr. Hauptmann also noted that he would like to see language regarding the rationale.

Commissioner Adams expressed concern about an addition to Chairman Santore's revision, Pg. 3, 2nd paragraph that noted Commission discussion of dissenting points of view via e-mail. She noted that discussion should be in public and that that should be clarified.

Mr. Hauptmann agreed, saying that opinions needed to be discussed in open session.

Vice-Chair Roberts also noted that the various stages in the process aren't set in stone. She noted that Mr. Hauptmann could draft the public report before the Commission makes a finding on the case. Mr. Hauptmann added that the rationale wouldn't be written until he had information from the commissioners regarding a rationale.

Chairman Santore advised the Commission that any modification ideas should be submitted to Staff.

Mary Shelton spoke about sharing ideas via e-mail and the possibility of serial meetings, which would be a Brown Act violation.

NEW BUSINESS

Report by Joseph Brann & Associates

Discussion and action, if any, on the "Community Police Review Commission Assessment and Recommendations" Report by Joseph Brann & Associates

Mary Shelton said it was a good report and that the community's concerns had been vindicated in past scenarios. She disagreed with Mr. Brann's assessment that the City Attorney is the best legal representation for the Commission. She said that the report is worth reviewing to see what still works today and what still might need changing.

Commissioner Brandriff said he had thought Mr. Brann would be at this meeting. Mr. Hauptmann said he had wanted to make sure the Commission wanted to discuss the report with Mr. Brann before he scheduled his attendance. He said that if the Commission feels there are questions to ask of Mr. Brann regarding his report, he would be more than happy to come, at no additional cost.

Commissioner Brandriff said that a presentation by Mr. Brann is a training opportunity and could be valuable to the current commissioners and, as it has already been paid for, he recommended that Mr. Brann be scheduled to attend one of the Commission's meetings.

Commissioner Rotker agreed with Commissioner Brandriff, saying Mr. Brann should have been asked to be present at this evening's meeting and that he would like a presentation from Mr. Brann regarding his report.

Chairman Santore said that much of what is noted in the report has been addressed, such as recommendations for finding new Commission members. He said he doesn't see the benefit of having Mr. Brann speak to the Commission.

Commissioner Adams disagreed, saying there is no harm in having Mr. Brann address the Commission. She also said she didn't think everything mentioned in the report had been addressed, noting that more training would be helpful, and it might be beneficial to have training before serving on the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson agreed with Commissioner Adams, especially since there would be no additional expense.

Commissioner Jackson confirmed her agreement with Commissioners Adams and Johnson.

Chairman Santore said that, based on a general consensus among the Commission, Mr. Brann would be asked to attend a meeting to speak with the Commission about his report. Mr. Hauptmann said he would contact Mr. Brann to schedule.

Staff Report

Mr. Hauptmann reported on the state of the Commission's budget.

He then commented on the NACOLE Conference and that Riverside is on target with CPRC. He said that he heard things he hadn't heard before and would like newer commissioners to attend a NACOLE conference. He also informed the Commission that the 2012 conference would be in San Diego. He said he believes Riverside has the potential to host a NACOLE conference and that he will try to bring the conference to Riverside in the near future, possibly 2014. He noted that the City Manager's Office is open to the City hosting the conference.

Commission Member Comments

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members may use this time to make brief announcements or a brief report on their own activities.

Chairman Santore commented on the Commission's decision to have ad-hoc instead of standing committees. He said that if committee meetings are open to the public, things don't progress as quickly. He said that when the committee's product is complete, it will be brought to the public at a regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Adams said she found it offensive that the City Attorney representative left the Commission meeting while a member of the public was speaking about a legal issue.

Commissioner Brandriff said that having the community attend ad-hoc committee meetings is beneficial and that it provides transparency, noting that more input always good.

Commissioner Rotker spoke about his attendance at the NACOLE conference. He said it was very useful. He said it seemed dominated by the full-time staff of large cities.

Chairman Santore also spoke about the NACOLE conference. He said that Riverside is meeting the actions for the filing of complaints and that the Commission is doing a good job.

Items for Future Commission Consideration

Commissioner Jackson asked that the CPRC business cards for Spanish speakers, proposed by Chairman Santore, be agendaized for discussion.

Commissioner Johnson commented on the list of high schools that he had distributed. He suggested sending letters to the principals regarding a CPRC presentation. He also suggested posting a sign outside the Council Chambers door to let the public know a CPRC meeting was taking place.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


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